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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joachim BERTHOLD, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1796

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Examiner: L.J. HEINCER

Title: POLYETHYLENE COMPOSITION FOR PRODUCING L-RING DRUMS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action bearing a mailing date of July 14, 2008. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire on October 14, 2008. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response. As such, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as shown in ATTACHMENT A without any prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter expressed therein.